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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Larry E. Hieb

Serial No.: 10/635,962

Filed: August 8, 2002

Invention: Retractable Gauge Step for
Flexible Multi-Depth Vending §

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Group No.: 3653

Examiner: Michael E. Butler

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 13, 2006

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2006, Applicant submits this response and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant petitions for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) up to and including June 13, 2006. A fee in the amount of \$450.00 for a two-month extension of time is included. Applicant hereby authorizes and instructs the U.S. Patent and Trademark

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